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### 1. CHINA

MONDAY NESSEN SAID WH, AFTER LOOKING AT ENTIRETY OF NIXON'S PEKING TOAST COMMENTS ABOUT HELSINKI DECLARATION, DOES NOT INTERPRET IT AS BEING CRITICAL OF US FOREIGN POLICY (CHITRIB; SUN'S DOBBIN; NYDN'S CARTER; GWERTZMAN, NYT; WSJ). CARTER REPORTS CHINA-WATCHERS AND LONG-TIME NIXON-WATCHERS, INCLUDING SOME WITH DEEPLY-INGRAINED SUSPICION FORMER PRES, TOOK SAME GENERAL VIEW AS LH, AFTER READING FULL TEXT OF NIXON BANQUET STATEMENT. CITES NESSEN'S REMARK THAT COULD BE EXPECTED NIXON WOULD CONVEY TO DOS ANYTHING HE FELT SIGNIFICANT. FEELS THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEARS GIVE ADMIN'S RELUCTANT BLESSING TO DEBRIEFING OF NIXON BY DOS OFFICIALS, AND CHANCES ARE HAK WILL VISIT NIXON AT SAN CLEMENTE NEXT WEEK AFTER HIS RETURN FROM PRC. DOBBIN SAYS WAS LEARNED NIXON EXPECTED REPORT TO 'HIGH

DOS OFFICIAL," WHO MIGHT BE HAK; BUT IF NIXON ASKED FOR TALK WITH HAK, WAS INDICATED REQUEST WOULD NOT BE REFUSED.

CHITRIB'S MACLEAN, IN BOGOTA, REPORTS HAK "REACTED SNAPPISHLY" MONDAY TO NIXON'S APPARENT CRITICISM OF "NAIVE" TRUST IN DETENTE, ASSERTING NIXON 'SIGNED ENOUGH PRINCIPLES HIMSELF." ACCORDING SUN'S TREWHITT, HAK IN BOGOTA HOOTED AT COMPLAINTS NIXON HAD ATTACKED US-SOVIET DETENTE, ARGUING NIXON'S VISIT WAS NEUTRAL ON THAT POINT AND OTHERWISE WAS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT FOR SINO-US RELATIONS. HAK SAID HE HAD FIRST FELT PEKING INVITATION TO NIXON MIGHT BE ATTEMPT "NEEDLE" ADMIN; BUT AFTER READING REPORTS/TRANSCRIPTS OF TOASTS, SAID HE FELT RECEPTION GIVEN NIXON "IS ONE NOTCH BELOW WHAT THEY GAVE" FORD RECENTLY AND THAT HE NOW INTERPRETS NIXON INVITATION AS CHINESE SIGNAL THAT SINO-US RELATIONS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY ANY POLITICAL SHIFTS WITHIN PRC (TREWHITT; NYT). TREWHITT OBSERVES HAK HAS HAD LITTLE HELP FROM WH IN HIS DETERMINATIO DEBRIEF NIXON. THIS COURSE, TO HAK, SIMPLY MAKES GOOD SENSE, THOUGH METHOD YET TO BE FIXED; BUT WH HAS TRIED AVOID SUBJECT, OR INDICATED NIXON TAKE INITIATIVE TO REACH ADMIN IF HE HAS ANYTHING TO REPORT.

PHOTOS MAO, NIXON CLASPING HANDS ARE PROMINENTLY FEATURED (NCNA VIA UPI -- NYT, WP, SUN, CHITRIB, NYDN; AP -- PHINQ, CSM, GLOBE). NYDN CARRIES DOUBLE CENTER TOP PAGE PHOTOS OF NIXONS FLANKING CHIANG CHING, TOGETHER WITH CAST AND DIGNITARIES, FOLLOWING SONG/DANCE PERFORMANCE; ALSO, PAT NIXON CUDDLING CHINESE CHILD AND WATCHING LITTLE GIRL ON BALANCE BEAM. AP REPORTS AT EVENING RECITAL MONDAY, NIXON, ONCE ONE OF TAIWAN'S STRONGEST SUPPORTERS, FOUND HIMSELF SWEEPED ALONG BY MAO'S WIFE IN APPLAUSE FOR SONG CALLING FOR ISLAND'S RETURN TO MAINLAND CONTROL (SUN, CHITRIB, GLOBE, PHINQ). THIS "NEAR DIPLOMATIC BLUNDER" ALSO CITED BY REUTER (NYT) AND UPI (NYDN), LATTER NOTING NIXON, AFTER PERFORMANCE, UNCLASSIFIED

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ALMOST TUMBLED INTO ORCHESTRA PIT WHILE CONGRATULATING MUSICIANS, AND WAS IN "JOVIAL MOOD," ACTING LIKE "OLD CAMPAIGNER."

UPI (HK) REPORTS PROMINENT CHINESE MIL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING HUANG YU-KUN, ATTENDED RECEPTION GIVEN IN PEKING MONDAY BY SOVIET EMBASSY MIL ATTACHE, ACCORDING NCNA (HYDN).

NCNA SAID MONDAY THAT MORE THAN MILLION SOVIET PEOPLE ARE DETAINED IN OVER 1,000 CONCENTRATION CAMPS, BEING TORTURED PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES (REUTER HK).

AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY MAG SAID MONDAY THAT PRC IS DEVELOPING ICPM WITH RANGE 6,000 NAUTICAL MILES, NEARLY TWICE THAT OF ITS EXISTING MISSILES, WHICH WILL BE ADDED TO PRC ARSENAL OF 3,500-MILE-RANGE MISSILES, NOW DEPLOYED IN WESTERN CHINA (REUTER WASHINGTON).

ABC'S JOHN SCALI, COVERING NIXON VISIT IS IN PEKING'S CAPITAL HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM BRONCHITIS, ACCORDING AMERICAN SOURCES (REUTER PEING).

DOS BOEKER SAYS FOREIGN INDEBTEDNESS TO USG TOTALED ABOUT 60 BILLION DOLS ON JUNE 30, 1975, WITH LARGEST ARREARAGES OWED BY PRC -- 96 MILLION DOLS (AP, PHINQ); UPI (CHITRIB) QUOTES BOEKER THAT PRC WWII LOANS DUE US TOTAL 79.5 MILLION DOLS.

## 2. JAPAN

BOTH HOUSES OF DIET MONDAY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION ASKING US PROVIDE NAMES JAPANESE OFFICIALS SUSPECTED TAKING BRIBES (PHINQ). FOLLOWING VOTE, MIKI PLEDGED "IMMEDIATELY SEND A PERSONAL LETTER" PRES FORD REQUESTING "ALL REMAINING DOCUMENTS," INCLUDING NAMES (SEIDEN, SUN; HALLORAN, NYT; SAAR, WP; GLOBE).

SAAR CALLS DIET VOTE "UNPRECEDENTED." NOTES RISING PUBLIC CLAMOR, CRITICISM AGAINST MIKI, FOR NOT TAKING FIRMER ACTION PROBE SCANDAL. CITES GROWING CONCERN UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT FREQUENT PUBLIC CALLS FOR DISCLOSURE BY GOJ MASK DESIRE PLAY DOWN SCANDAL, MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO LDP.

HALLORAN NOTES DIET RESOLUTION IS FIRST EVER ADDRESSED FOREIGN LEGISLATURE AND GOVT. TEXT CONTENDS "CLEARING UP ALL THE SUSPICIONS" THIS ISSUE "VITAL," ASKS "SPECIAL CONSIDERATION" BY USG, CONGRESS TO PROVIDE ALL DATA ON SCANDAL, INCLUDING NAMES. HALLORAN QUOTES COMMENTATOR WHO SAID, US "TOLD US WE HAVE A THIEF IN THE HOUSE BUT WON'T TELL US WHO HE IS."

POLICE, TAX OFFICIALS RAIDED LOCKHEED OFFICE TUESDAY, SEEKING EVIDENCE ILLEGAL PAYOFFS SCANDAL. SEARCHED TOTAL 28 SITES, INCLUDING HOMES KODAMA, MARUBENI OFFICIALS (REUTER, GLOBE).

SENIOR POLICE OFFICIAL SAID TUESDAY NATL AND TOKYO POLICE PLAN SEND ONE OFFICER EACH TO US SEEKING FURTHER LOCKHEED DATA, IF DIPLOMATIC APPROVAL OBTAINED (REUTER TOKYO).

DIET BUDGET CMTE AGREED MONDAY SEND DOCTORS EXAMINE

KODAMA, SEEK DETERMINE IF CAN BE QUESTIONED IN BED  
(REUTER TOKYO).

FORMER PM KISHI, IN MAINICHI INTERVIEW PUBLISHED TUESDAY,  
DENIED ANY CONNECTION LOCKHEED SCANDAL. SAID FIRST MET  
KODAMA WHEN BOTH JAILED SUGAMO AS WAR-CRIME SUSPECTS;  
MET SINCE, IN COMPANY OTHER POLITICIANS, BUT NEVER  
ALONE. SAID GAVE INTERVIEW DISPEL "UNPLEASANTNESS"  
ARISING FROM JAPANESE, FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS ABOUT  
RELATIONSHIP KODAMA, AND SUDDEN REVERSAL GOJ DECISION

1959 TO BUY F-104 INSTEAD GRUMMAN FIGHTERS. DECLARED  
LOCKHEED CAPABILITY OVER GRUMMAN "PROVEN" AGAINST  
BACKGROUND "SOME ACCIDENTS. "SWORE NEVER GOT ANY KIND  
DIRECT REQUEST FROM KODAMA (REUTER TOKYO).

MONDAY NIXON, AFTER MEETING MAO, WAITING MEET ACTING  
PM HUA KUO-FENG SECOND TIME, IN PEKING, MET SIZABLE  
GROUP PRESS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE LEAVING OFFICE.  
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DISCUSSED SST, LOCKHEED, TOKYO BARS, TRAFFIC,  
IN RELAXED MOOD. CAUTIONED PRESS NOT GO HIGH-  
PRICED GINZA BARS, LIKE GORDON'S. ASKED IF JAPAN  
WOULD ADMIT CONCORDE. SUGGESTED SST, "INEVITABLE,"  
AND IF US BUILT, WOULD HAVE BEEN BIGGER, ECONOMICALLY  
VIABLE. SAID WILL VISIT JAPAN "SOMETIME," AS ASKED  
BY MANY FRIENDS THERE. HOPED KISHI DOESN'T HAVE ANY  
LOCKHEED STOCK. NOTED AMB HODGSON WAS LOCKHEED VP,  
BUT "COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN ANYTHING" ABOUT PAYMENTS.  
SAID INTERESTING THING " SO MANY OF THEM ARE IN IT,"  
ALL "COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORK" (SMITH, UPI, WSTAR  
2/23, NYT; AP, CHITRIB, SUN; WP).

CHIBA (CSM SPECIAL) IN TOKYO REVIEWS INDUSTRIALISTS'  
EFFORTS GET GOJ RELAX ARMS EXPORT RESTRICTIONS,  
AS BOOST FOR STAGNANT ECONOMY. NOTES ITI MIN KOMOTO  
PLANS APPROVE EXPORT SALE US-1 "FLYING BOAT".

MITI RELEASED DATA MONDAY, SHOWING 10.9 PCT FALL  
JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION 1975. SAID SECOND  
YEAR DECLINE DUE PROTRACTED RECESSION (WP).

WSTAR (2/23) REPRINTS NYT REPORT THAT UNPRECEDENTED  
UNEMPLOYMENT COULD LEAD TO "SOCIAL UNREST" JAPAN.

EGYPT AWARDS TOKYO SHIBAURA, KINKI ROLLING STOCK,  
MITSUBISHI, CONTRACT BUILD 285 ELEC RR CARS, VALUED  
55.2 MILLION DOLS (WSJ, TOKYO).

RUSSIAN-SPEAKING "MENDOCINO ROSE" USES RADIO URGE  
SOV WHALERS HALT SLAUGHTER OF GRAY, SPERM WHALES OFF

CALIFORNIA; AD-MAN, JOHN BAER, SAYS BOYCOTT JAPANESE PRODUCTS NCALIF ALONE COULD PROVIDE JAPANESE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE HALT 150-MILLION DOL/YR WHALING OPERATIONS (AP, NYT).

### 3. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

US SPECIALISTS AT UTAPAO BEGIN WORK TO IDENTIFY POSITIVELY REMAINS LAST 2 AMERICANS KIA IN VN, AFTER WHICH BODIES TO

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BE SHIPPED HOME FOR BURIAL. SKETCHY REPORTS BROUGHT BACK BY SEN KENNEDY'S AIDES INDICATE SVN AUTHORITIES WORK TO GATHER INFO ON HUNDREDS US MIAS (CHITRIB).

SVN INTENDS STAGE MAJOR TRIAL IN PROSECUTING ANTIGOV'T REBELS CAUGHT IN SAIGON CHURCH BATTLE. SINCE EVENT, SVN, NVN, MEDIA HAVE BEEN CONDEMNING "ANTIREVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES" (CHITRIB; REUTER, NYT). MOST ANALYSTS BELIEVE REGIME INTENDS USE INCIDENT FOR GEN'L CRACKDOWN ON RESISTANCE (CHITRIB). SVN RADIO SAYS "REAL CULPRITS" WILL BECOME EVIDENT AT TRIAL (REUTER, NYT).

SVN WILL ADMIT FOREIGN TOURISTS STARTING NEXT MONTH, HOPES THOUSANDS WILL VISIT BEACHES, HIGHLAND RESORTS, HUE, SAIGON, BATTLE SITES. TOURIST BUREAU PREPARES RECEIVE 10,000 VISITORS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, DURING REST 1976. INT'L AIR SERVICES TO SAIGON ALSO TO BE RESUMED (CHITRIB; REUTER, NYT)

LAOS BREAKS DIP RELS WITH ISRAEL DUE "AGGRESSION AND SAVAGE OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORY" (CSM).

DIP DELEGATIONS FROM PLO, AFGHANISTAN, EGYPT, SWEDEN, TUNISIA, AND ZAMBIA ARRIVE PP TO OPEN OFFICES. GIVEN RECEPTION BY IENG SARY, ALSO ATTENDED BY DIPLOMATS FROM ALBANIA, PRC, CUBA, NK, NVN, SVN, YUGOSLAVIA (AFP, NYT).

RTG SAYS NAVY SHIPS OPENED FIRE ON 5 CAMBODIAN PATROL BOATS THAT WERE ATTACKING THAI FISHING VESSELS (WP).

NYT'S ANDELMAN IN THAILAND REPORTS UNANTED BABIES FOR SALE FOR ADOPTION. NOTES DEMAND IN WESTERN WORLD, CLOSING OF VN AS SUPPLY SOURCE, GROWTH OF MECHANISMS TO DEAL WITH DEMAND. SAYS WITH AMERICANS LEAVING, MANY WOMEN NEAR BASES WHO MIGHT HAVE KEPT CHILDREN NOW FIND IT FINANCIALLY IMPOSSIBLE. DESCRIBES HOW SALES MADE, FUNCTIONING BOTH ILLEGAL, LEGITIMATE AGENCIES THAT PLACE CHILDREN OVERSEAS. GUPTA (NYT) TELLS OF LONG ISLAND ADOPTION OF THAI

CHILDREN, INCLUDING PAPERWORK, COSTS.

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4. ASEAN

BALI SUMMIT OPENS WITH CALLS FOR MORE REGIONAL COOPERATION, OFFER FRIENDSHIP, GOODWILL, COOPERATION WITH GOVTS VN, CAMBODIA, LAOS. HEADS OF GOVTS STRESSED ECON "TOGETHERNESS," REJECTED TURN TOWARD MUTUAL DEFENSE (WSTAR 2/23). MEMBERS AGREE ECON RATHER THAN MIL COOPERATION

IS SEA STABILITY KEY (REUTER, NYT).

SOUTHERLAND (CSM) ON BALI REPORTS LEADERS IDENTIFY "INTERNAL SUBVERSION" AS GREATEST THREAT, STRESS ECON, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, NOT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, AS ANSWER TO PROBLEM. SEES REMARKS ADDRESSED IN PART TO NVN. NOTES OUTSIDE ATTITUDES TOWARD ASEAN: NVN DENOUNCES IT AS NOT TRULY NONALIGNED, SINCE US MAINTAINS BASES THAILAND, PHILS; PRC CHANGED VIEW, LATELY BEGAN COMMENT FAVORABLY; US FAVORABLE; USSR COOL, SOMETIMES CRITICAL. GIVES BACKGROUND ORGANIZATION, DIFFERING VIEWS OF MEMBERS. QUOTES MALAYSIAN PM ONN THAT SCOPE EXISTS FOR COOPERATION WITH INDOCHINA STATES, SINGAPORE'S LEE KUAN YEW THAT ASEAN MUST ENGAGE IN PEACEFUL COMPETITION WITH INDOCHINA COUNTRIES.

WP'S GREENWAY FROM BALI NOTES LEADERS SPOKE REALISTICALLY OF ORGANIZATION'S WEAKNESSES, AREAS LIMITED COHESION. RECOUNTS LEADERS' VIEWS. POINTS OUT MUTUAL SECURITY QUESTION, HOW TO APPROACH COMMUNIST INDOCHINA STATES ARE MATTERS OF DEBATE IN ASEAN, WITH INDONESIA DRAGGING HEELS ON FREE TRADE AREA QUESTION, PLACING MORE STRESS ON SECURITY.

5. SINGAPORE

FIVE-YEAR ATTEMPT ELIMINATE LONG HAIR YOUNG MEN NOT SUCCESSFUL, BUT CONTINUES VIGOROUSLY. RADIO, V, PRESS PUSH SHORT HAIR; GOVT WORKERS FIRED, FINED FOR LONG HAIR; STUDENTS THREATENED WITH EXPULSION. MALAY MINORITY IGNORES EXHORTATIONS TO CUT HAIR, WITH MOVE INTERPRETED BY GOVT AS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEFIANCE (AP, NYT).

6. AUSTRALIA

LABOR EX-TRANSPORT MINISTER ALLEGES SENIOR AUSSIE

CABINET MEMBER IN LATE 1950S GOT "COMPENSATION"  
FROM LOCKHEED FOLLOWING PURCHASE 12 ELECTRAS FOR  
DOMESTIC AIRLINES (REUTER CANBERRA).

7. MARIANAS

WP'S RUSSELL SAYS LEGISLATION GRANT COMMONWEALTH  
STATUS NORTHERN MARIANAS WILL RUN INTO DETERMINED  
OPPOSITION IN SENATE FROM COALITION LIBERALS,  
CONSERVATIVES.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. CHINA

NYT LAMENTS THAT IN WORDS/PICTURES FLOWING OUT OF PEKING,  
NIXON LOOKS LIKE PRIVATE TRAVELER IMPERSONATING US PRES;  
EVERYTHING ABOUT TRIP IS MISCHIEVOUS. SAYS NIXON, IN  
TRYING REGAIN POSITION POLITICAL INFLUENCE, HAS ALLOWED  
PRC RULERS USE HIM TO UNDERCUT SOME OF VIEWS/POLICIES  
OF FORD ADMIN WHICH THEY RESENT. NIXON APPEARANCE AT  
CLEARLY-STAGED "TOP-LEVEL" BRIEFINGS, MEETINGS, IS  
DELIBERATELY DESIGNED SUGGEST HE SPEAKS WITH AUTHORITY  
THAT TRANSCENDS NOSTALGIC RETURN TO SITE OF FORMER  
GLORY. IT IS BECAUSE NORMALIZATION RELATIONS WITH PRC  
CONTINUES SO CRUCIAL TO NATIONAL INTEREST, WORLD PEACE,  
THAT NIXON DIPLOMATIC MISADVENTURE SO DEPLORABLE.  
PEKING'S MISUSE OF FORMER PRES DOES LITTLE TO ADVANCE  
FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH LEGITIMATE USG SPOKESMEN.  
REGRETTABLE THAT NIXON'S INSENSITIVITY TOWARD SUCH MATTERS  
APPEARS GIVEN SOME SEMBLANCE OF PROPRIETY BY HAK'S  
MISGUIDED INVITATION FOR NIXON BRIEF US OFFICIALS ON  
HIS EXPERIENCES--IN CONTRADICTION OF PRES FORD'S  
PREVIOUS, ENTIRELY PROPER, REJECTION SUCH ELEVATION OF  
NIXON TO OFFICIAL RAPPORTEUR.

CSM'S HARSCH SAYS IRONY OF NIXON PRC TRIP IS THAT HIS  
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REHABILITATION AS USEFUL INTERNATIONAL PERSON IS  
VOUCHSAFED TO HIM BY CHINESE COMMUNISTS WHO WERE  
ONCE ONE OF HIS FAVORITE POLITICAL WHIPPING BOYS.  
CONTENDS PRC INVITATION SPELLED OUT FOR ALL TO READ IS  
THAT, IN PEKING'S OPINION, FORD HAS FAILED DELIVER ON  
NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND MAINTENANCE STRONG MIL  
POSTURE VERSUS SOVIET WHICH CHINESE THINK THEY WERE  
PROMISED BY NIXON. WASHINGTON, OTHER CAPITALS, READING  
WITH GREATEST CARE ANOTHER PRC MESSAGE--THAT PEKING UNDER  
HUA KUO-FENG WILL CONTINUE BASE ITS FOREIGN POLICY ON  
RECONCILIATION WITH US.

CHITRIB PREFERS TO BELIEVE NIXON'S PEKING TOAST CRITICISM  
OF US PARTICIPATION IN HELSINKI CONFERENCE WAS MERELY

FRIENDLY WORDS OF WARNING TO FORD AGAINST PITFALLS  
"ANYONE MIGHT WELCOME WARNING ABOUT."

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT AFL-CIO WINTER CONFERENCE AT  
BAL HARBOUR MONDAY, MEANY RAISED ISSUE OF NIXON TRIP,  
CAUTIONING EX-PRES FOR CRITICIZING US FOREIGN POLICY  
ABROAD, WHILE CONCEDED NIXON IN PEKING APPEARED  
CRITICIZING SOMETHING MEANY, HIMSELF, COMPLAINED ABOUT  
AT HOME (REUTER 2/23).

HOURLY-40-MINUTES NIXON-MAO MEETING MONDAY REFLECTED HIGH  
REGARD IN WHICH CHAIRMAN HAS INDICATED HE HOLDS NIXON.  
AND MME MAO'S RARE APPEARANCE, AT MUSIC AND DANCE SHOW  
WITH NIXONS, WAS YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF WARM WELCOME  
FORMER PRES IS RECEIVING (WP).

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN PUBLISHER LOEB FINDS WHOLE NIXON  
TRIP "RATHER PATHETIC," AND WISHES "CHINESE WOULD KEEP  
HIM" (AP, SUN).

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) SAY THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM "SOURCES  
DIRECTLY INVOLVED" THAT PEKING MODERATE FACTION HAS MADE  
SEVERAL BACKDOOR ATTEMPTS SOUND OUT FORD ABOUT IMPROVING  
SINO-US RELATIONS AS MEANS STRENGTHENING PRC HAND AGAINST  
SOVIET. THEY WISH WORK OUT FORMULA PUTTING TAIWAN  
QUESTION ON BACK BURNER, LETTING RAPPROCHEMENT FLOWER.  
BUT FACTION DOESN'T TRUST HAK, SO FEELERS TO PRES  
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PASSED THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS. WRITERS' SOURCES SAY  
ONE POSSIBLE REASON FOR PEKING INVITATION TO NIXON WAS  
TO USE HIM AS EMISSARY BRINGING SECRET MESSAGE FOR FORD  
IN MORE POSITIVE TERMS, IMPRESSING UPON HIM SERIOUSNESS  
THEIR INTENTIONS. NYDN'S NACHMAN CLAIMS PEKING HAS  
MISLED CHINESE MASSES INTO BELIEVING NIXON STILL REMAINS  
"IN CONTROL" OF US. CITES ONE CHINA EXPERT THAT PEKING  
FEELS WOULD BE TOO LARGE JOLT FOR CHINESE PEOPLE  
SUDDENLY HEAR NIXON OUT OF OFFICE, AFTER ALL HOOPLA FOR  
HIS TWO VISITS.

REP RIEGLE (D-MICH) ASSERTED MONDAY THAT US SHOULD BE  
"OUTRAGED" AT NIXON'S "TASTELESS BEHAVIOR" AND HIS  
"OBVIOUS MEDDLING" IN US FOREIGN POLICY. RIEGLE ALSO  
OBJECTED TO SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION BEING PROVIDED  
"CROOK LIKE NIXON" (SUN).

SEEING "DEGREE OF DECLINE" IN US PRESTIGE ABROAD, NYT'S  
SULZBERGER, IN LONDON (2/21), SAYS GREATEST RIDDLE OF ALL  
IS WHAT PRC DOES AFTER MAO DIES. NOTES ALREADY THERE  
IS SUCCESSION STRUGGLE WHOSE IMPLICATIONS TO FOREIGN/  
STRATEGIC POLICY CANNOT YET BE JUDGED. CITES OBSERVERS  
WHO VIEW MAO'S INVITATION TO NIXON AS INTENDED WARNING



US HAD BETTER FIRM UP ITS CHINESE ATTITUDES OR RISK DRASTIC SHIFT. POINTS OUT WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN HOW MOSCOW ACTS ON BASIS OF ITS ASSESSMENTS OF PROBABLE WEAK US REACTION. ASKS: IS PEKING NOW MAKING SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS? AND WILL IT PREPARE MAJOR POLICY CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEGATIVE JUDGMENTS?

SULZBERGER (2/22) RECALLS CHOU EN-LAI COMMENT THAT WATERGATE SCANDAL PERHAPS REFLECTS US "POLITICAL LIFE AND SOCIAL SYSTEM. IT IS OF INTEREST TO YOUR OWN POLITICAL LIFE AND YOU HAVE HAD SUCH THINGS OCCUR IN YOUR SOCIETY AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL AGAIN." CITES "NEW SCANDAL" OVER US BUSINESS CONCERNS' CORRUPT PRACTICES IN THEIR FOREIGN DEALINGS, NOTING INCOMPLETE LIST OF COUNTRIES, SOME OF WHOSE TOP CITIZENS HAVE ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FUNDS OR FAVORS FROM THEM, INCLUDES JAPAN, HK, SK, ETC. BUT SAYS FACT IS WE SIMPLY DON'T KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT IRREGULAR BEHAVIOR IN SUCH "WHOLLY CLOSED UNCLASSIFIED

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SOCIETIES" AS PRC, NVN OR NK; HOWEVER, SINCE THEY ALSO ARE HUMAN, IS GOOD GUESS THAT THEY ERR, ALSO.

RABBI KORFF SAYS NIXON WENT TO PEKING AT DOS SUGGESTION. TOLD US CITIZENS CONGRESS LUNCHEON, "NOT ONLY DID THEY AGREE, BUT THEY URGED NIXON TO MAKE THE TRIP. HE HAD NO INTENTION OF SO-CALLED RE-EMERGING EXCEPT FOR THE GOOD OF THIS COUNTRY." LATER, DOS SPOKESMAN SAID HE HAD NO INFO SUPPORTING KORFF STATEMENT (AP WSTAR 2/23).

#### 9. INDOCHINA

BAKSHIAN (WSJ) REVIEWS WESTMORELAND'S, "A SOLDIER REPORTS," SYMPATHETICALLY. BELIEVES WESTY OBJECTIVE, LONG-SUFFERING, BOTH AS CHRONICLER, PARTICIPANT. SAYS WAR DREARY SUCCESSION DELAYED REACTIONS, PULLED PUNCHES, BUNGLED COMMUNICATIONS, DELUDED WISHFUL THINKING, ALMOST ALL ORIGINATING IN WASHINGTON. WONDERS IF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY CAN RESPOND TO CHALLENGE OF DIRTY, EXTENDED SMALL-SCALE COMBAT.

#### 10. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD AT MANILA BELIEVES IN LAST FEW MONTHS 2 KEY MOVES HAVE INCREASED IMELDA'S POWER: APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR MANILA; MARCOS' DISMISSAL TOP EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ALEJANDRO MELCHOR, REGARDED AS IMELDA'S CHIEF RIVAL BY MANY. SEES IMELDA AS MARCOS' CHIEF SUPPORTER, POTENTIAL SUCCESSOR, SOMETIME RIVAL. FOREIGN SECY ROMULO REFERRED TO HER AS "DE FACTO VICE PRESIDENT." BUTTERFIELD DESCRIBES INTERVIEW WITH IMELDA, DURING WHICH SHE OUTLINED PLANS TO CLEAN UP CITY'S CANALS, FILL IN

12,000 ACRES OF BAY, BUILD NUKE, THERMAL POWER PLANTS.  
NOTES SHE ORDERED 5 FRENCH GARBAGE RECYCLING PLANTS TO  
TURN CITY'S GARBAGE INTO FERTILIZER. COMMENTS UNCLEAR  
WHERE MONEY WILL COME FROM; POINTS OUT SHE RECENTLY TOLD  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHE EXPECTED ELITE MAKE SUBSTANTIAL

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CITY. QUOTES IMELDA'S DENIALS HER  
BUILDINGS EXTRAVAGANT, SHE COMPETES WITH HUSBAND, BOTH  
GUILTY OF NEPOTISM.  
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12. MARIANAS

WP OPPOSES NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH. IS AFRAID  
"WELL-MEANING COLONIALISM" MAY BE APPROVED. SAYS GOOD  
DEAL FOR NATIVES, BUT UNACCEPTABLE FOR US. FINDS  
STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS UNPERSUASIVE, BELIEVES US HAS  
OBLIGATION CARE FOR ISLANDS UNTIL THEY CAN FIND BETTER  
FUTURE OF OWN DEVISING; OPPOSES SPLITTING MARIANAS  
FROM OTHER MICRONESIA DISTRICTS THAT REMAIN NATURAL  
PARTNERS IN ANY FUTURE POLITICAL ARRANGEMENT. SUPPORTS  
SENS BYRD, PELL SUGGESTION POSTPONE DECISION UNTIL  
ADMIN SUBMITS PLAN FOR FUTURE STATUS ALL PARTS TRUST  
TERRITORY.

13. ARMS BILL

CHI SUN-TIMES (2/20) APPLAUDS SENATE BILL ESTABLISH  
CONTROL OVER ARMS SALES, TRANSFERS; PROHIBIT BRIBES  
IN WEAPONS DEALS; PROHIBIT SALE, GRANTS OF ARMS TO  
NATIONS THAT VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS. BELIEVES CONGRESS  
NEED EXERCISE MORE CONTROL OVER ARMS SALES POLICIES.

14. JAPAN

FARNSWORTH (NYT) FINDS WEUR, JAPAN REACTED LOCKHEED  
DISCLOSURES WITH COMBINATION "SHOCK, RESENTMENT AND  
BEMUSEMENT." SOME SAID RIDE SAME GRAVY TRAIN, SOME  
WORRY ABOUT ALLIANCE WITH US; SORBONNE PROF SUGGESTS  
"CORRUPTION MAY BE THE PRICE OF LIBERTY." NOTES  
FUKUDA SAID SCANDAL CAUSED MISGIVINGS ABOUT JAPANESE  
POLITICS, GOJ WOULD MAKE EFFORT CLARIFY DOUBTS, MAINTAIN  
ITS HONOR.

ELIOT JANEWAY (WSTAR 2/22) DECLARES FOREIGN "PAYOLA" NOT  
NECESSARY, RESULTS FROM FACT "BABES IN THE WOODS" DON'T  
KNOW HOW FLEX MUSCLE OVERSEAS; INSTEAD, RELY "LOCAL  
PEDDLERS" BUY ORDERS, KICK-BACK COMMISSIONS. FORECASTS  
AMERICAN MNC'S WILL DEAL ABOVE TABLE, WHEN LEARN HOW USE  
STRENGTH.

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NYT (REPRINTED SUN 2/23) TRACES HISTORICAL PENDULUM -- SWINGS OF POPULAR ATTITUDES TOWARD BUSINESS. REGRETS PAYOFF SCANDALS MAY INHIBIT GROWTH FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR BUSINESS STEMMING FROM GROWING PUBLIC REALIZATION

CANNOT CONTINUE CURB BUSINESS EXPANSION, ALLOW PUBLIC SECTOR EXPAND ENDLESSLY AT EXPENSE PRIVATE, THUS FOREGO GROWTH.

WINTER (WSJ) REVIEWS US INDUSTRY COMPLAINTS ABOUT IMPORTS THAT HURTING DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. NOTES ZENITH SURPRISED AT "UNBELIEVABLY LOW" ADVERTISED PRICES NEW 19-IN JAPANESE COLOR-TV SETS. CITES ARGUMENT BY US PRODUCERS, THAT FACE UNFAIR COMPETITION FROM "JAPAN, INC."

WSTAR'S OTTENBERG INTERVIEWS BILL CHILD, WHO RETIRED LAST MONTH AFTER 34-YR FBI CAREER, 20 YEARS AS LEGATT, AMEMBASSY TOKYO. CHILD SAYS CONTACTS ABROAD THINK US "ABSOLUTELY CRAZY" UNDERMINE OWN INTELLIGENCE STRUCTURE, CAPABILITY. VOICES QUALIFIED PRAISE FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER. EXPLAINS POSITION WAS LIAISON WITH FRIENDLY FOREIGN POLICE AGENCIES, NOT COVERT OPERATIONS.

CHITRIB'S LINDA WITT REVIEWS IVA TOGURI CONVICTION AS TOKYO ROSE. CITES STATEMENTS SHE REFUSED RENOUNCE US CITIZENSHIP, MOCKED JAPANESE WAR EFFORT, WAS UNDER KEMPEITAI SURVEILLANCE DURING WAR.

15. GENERAL

BINDER (NYT) NOTES ACDA'S IKLE REPORTED SFRC ARMS CONTROL SUB-CMTE THAT US, JAPAN, FIVE OTHER NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONCLUDED SECRET AGREEMENT COOPERATE DEVELOPING NEW SAFEGUARDS, CONTROLS INHIBIT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. MEETINGS BEGAN NINE MONTHS AGO, PROMPTED BY INDIAN TEST OF A DEVICE MADE IN FACILITY EXPORTED BY CANADA, FRG DECISION EXPORT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY BRAZIL, AND FRENCH DECISION SELL TECHNOLOGY ROK, OTHER NATIONS.

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CARTOONISTS AND SATIRISTS CONTINUE TO HAVE A FIELD DAY WITH NIXON TRIP TO PRC. FLANNERY IN BALTIMORE SUN SHOWS MAO SQUARING OFF AGAINST BREZNEV WITH HAK BEHIND THE RUSSIAN AND NIXON BEHIND MAO SAYING TO HIM: "I'LL HOLD YOUR COAT". AUTH IN PHINX SHOWS HAPPY NIXON AND WIFE EATING AT BANQUET SURROUNDED BY CHEERY AND CHEERING CHINESE

WITH BACKGROUND BANNER READING: "THIS IS YOUR LIFE  
RICHARD MILHOUS NIXON". RUSSEL BAKER IN NYT DEVOTES  
ENTIRE COLUMN TO MAO-NIXON EXCHANGE IN HUMOROUS VERSE  
WHICH DEFIES SUMMARIZATION.

DOONSBURY CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON CHINA. AT CULTURAL  
PERFORMANCE DUKE ASKS CHINESE HOST WHAT THE SOUND OF  
WEAPONS FIRE MEANS. HOST SAYS THIS ONLY THE OVERTURE,  
"AS IT OFTEN IS IN LIFE ITSELF". IN 2/23 STRIP DUKE  
IS WELCOMED TO PEKING OPERA WHERE HOST TELLS HIM  
SCENARIO OF "SONG OF THE TIGER". DUKE PICKS UP STORY  
LINE AND BRINGS IT TO CONCLUSION, LEADING HOST TO  
REMARK THAT DUKE MUST HAVE SEEN IT BEFORE. DUKE  
CONCLUDES: "NO. NO. LUCKY GUES..."  
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